MMR_0019 Walter Olevsky

BRT's Charlie Peacock presenting Award to Walter Olevsky, MMR.

Walter Olevsky, a member of the Northeastern Region, has become Master Model Railroader #19. In addition to his MMR, Walt holds nine other Achievement Certificates: Motive Power, Cars, Structures, Scenery, Civil, Electrical, Chief Dispatcher, Association Volunteer, and Model Railroad Author.

Starting to build models at age 5, including ships, airplanes, cars, structures, and trains, Walt became an active model railroader when he was 8 years old, but he was interested in prototype railroads before that, growing up in the shadow of the New York Connecting Railroad and the Long Island in Brooklyn. Walt was born June 6, 1936, in Brooklyn, N.Y. and moved to New Jersey when he was 22. After being discharged from the U.S. Army Engineers in 1957, he went to work for the Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western as a tower man; he is serving the Erie-Lackawanna now in the same capacity.

Walt's first Achievement Certificate was Chief Dispatcher, followed by Model Railroad Engineer—Civil and Electrical. Then came Motive Power, for which he qualified by winning a first prize with an interurban he built in 1953 and by taking best-in-show with a trolley switcher. Next, he earned Scenery and Cars. Early in 1967, he completed the requirements for his Master Model Rail-

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roader Certificate by earning both Association Volunteer and Model Railroad Author.

Walt has served on the NMRA Data Sheet Committee, as a judge in both NMRA and Regional Model Contests, and as a member of the NER Achievement Committee.

Walt's main model railroading interests are scratchbuilding structures and rolling stock, trolleys and interurbans. He's built models in TT, HO, OO, S, and O scales and is currently working in ¼" AAR fine scale.